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S. 658

To expand the boundary of the Santa Fe National Forest, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 31 (legislative day, MARCH 27), 1995

Mr. BINGAMAN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

To expand the boundary of the Santa Fe National Forest,
and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Santa Fe National
5 Forest Boundary Adjustment Act of 1995”.

6 **SEC. 2. BOUNDARY MODIFICATION.**

7 The boundary of the Santa Fe National Forest is
8 modified and expanded as generally depicted on a map en-
9 titled “Santa Fe National Forest Boundary Expansion
10 1994”, dated July 19, 1994. The map shall be on file and

1 available for public inspection in the office of the Chief
2 of the Forest Service.

3 **SEC. 3. ATALAYA PEAK EXCHANGES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior may
5 exchange public land and interests in land managed by
6 the Director of the Bureau of Land Management for pri-
7 vate land and interests in land depicted on the map de-
8 scribed in section 2.

9 (b) WITHDRAWAL.—Upon the acquisition of land
10 under subsection (a) by the Secretary of the Interior, and
11 subject to valid existing rights, such land is withdrawn
12 from—

13 (1) all forms of entry, appropriation, or disposal
14 under the public land laws;

15 (2) location, entry, and patent under the mining
16 laws; and

17 (3) disposition under all laws pertaining to min-
18 eral and geothermal leasing.

19 **SEC. 4. EXCHANGE OF FEDERAL LANDS IN NEW MEXICO.**

20 (a) IDENTIFICATION OF LANDS.—In conjunction
21 with the exchange of lands under section 3, the Secretary
22 of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior shall iden-
23 tify federally owned lands and interests in land that are
24 within the boundary of the Santa Fe National Forest on
25 the date of enactment of this Act and are suitable for

1 transfer to and administration by the Bureau of Land
2 Management. The identification of National Forest Sys-
3 tem land available for transfer shall be made under cri-
4 teria that are mutually agreeable to the Secretaries.

5 (b) LANDS ACQUIRED FOR THE BUREAU OF LAND
6 MANAGEMENT.—

7 (1) TRANSFER BY SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE.—The Secretary of Agriculture shall
8 transfer to the Secretary of the Interior, acting
9 through the Director of the Bureau of Land Man-
10 agement, lands and interests in land identified under
11 subsection (a). The transfer shall be effective on
12 publication in the Federal Register of notice of the
13 transfer that identifies the lands and interests in
14 land.
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16 (2) BOUNDARY MODIFICATION.—The boundary
17 of the Santa Fe National Forest shall be modified
18 as of the date of notice under paragraph (1) to ex-
19 clude lands and interests in land that are trans-
20 ferred to the Secretary of the Interior.

21 (3) MANAGEMENT.—Lands transferred under
22 paragraph (1) shall be administered by the Director
23 of the Bureau of Land Management as part of the
24 public lands (as defined in section 103(e) of the

1 Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976
2 (43 U.S.C. 1702(e)).

3 (c) LANDS ACQUIRED FOR THE FOREST SERVICE.—

4 (1) ADDITION TO SANTE FE NATIONAL FOR-
5 EST.—Lands and interests in land—

6 (A) acquired by the Secretary of the Inte-
7 rior under section 3; or

8 (B) acquired by the Secretary of Agri-
9 culture within the areas identified as “potential
10 acquisition” on the map described in section 2,
11 shall, upon acquisition, be added to and adminis-
12 tered as part of the Santa Fe National Forest in ac-
13 cordance with the laws relating to the National For-
14 est System.

15 (2) MANAGEMENT.—The Secretary of Agri-
16 culture shall manage lands and interests in land de-
17 scribed in paragraph (1) primarily to preserve open
18 space and scenic values and to preclude develop-
19 ment.

20 (3) AVAILABILITY OF CERTAIN FUNDS.—For
21 the purposes of section 7(a)(1) of the Land and
22 Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (16 U.S.C.
23 460l–9(a)(1)), the boundary of the Santa Fe Na-
24 tional Forest, as modified under this Act, shall be

1 treated as if it had been the boundary as of January
2 1, 1965.

3 **SEC. 5. SAVINGS PROVISION.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this Act shall affect
5 the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to acquire
6 lands in New Mexico by purchase or exchange.

7 (b) MANAGEMENT.—Notwithstanding the Act of
8 June 15, 1926 (16 U.S.C. 471a), all lands acquired be-
9 fore, on, or after the date of enactment of this Act by
10 the exchange of National Forest lands shall be managed
11 as a part of the National Forest System.

12 **SEC. 6. IMPLEMENTATION.**

13 The procedures used in carrying out the land trans-
14 fers under this Act shall be the procedures agreed to be-
15 tween the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of
16 Agriculture.

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